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9. (New) A container for a framed pellicle according to claim 8 in which said base and said coating consist of an inorganic material selected from the group consisting of metals, alloys, glass and ceramics.

10. (New) A container for a framed pellicle according to claim 8 in which said covering is made of a plastic resin and in which said covering and said base each include a layer selected from the group consisting of metals, alloys, glass and ceramics.

11. (New) A container for a framed pellicle according to claim 10 in which said base and said covering each include an outer surface and in which each of said outer surfaces include a layer formed of an inorganic material selected from the group consisting of metals, alloys, glass and ceramics.

12. (New) A container for a framed pellicle according to claim 10 in which the layers have a thickness of at least 0.1 $\mu$ m.

13. (New) A container for a framed pellicle according to claim 8 in which the metal or alloy is selected from the group consisting of aluminum, copper, iron and stainless steel.

14. (New) A container for a framed pellicle according to claim 8 wherein said first surface area and said inner surface of said covering including a layer formed from an inorganic material selected from the group consisting of silicon nitride, silicon carbide, zirconia, alumina and boron nitride.